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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

CONGRESS.—Taft's message transmitting the report of the Tariff Board was read in both branches. House: The Senate resolution approving President Taft's action in denouncing the treaty of 1832 with Russia was adopted.

FOREIGN.—Tang Shao-yi, delegate for the imperialists at the Shanghai conference, admitted that it was too late to save the dynasty and expressed his conviction that the establishment of a republic can alone prevent further wholesale bloodshed.

DOMESTIC.—Russia in a note received at the State Department intimates willingness to negotiate a new treaty before the one denounced by President Taft expires.

CITY.—Stocks were irregular. President Taft received calls from William Barnes, Jr., Samuel S. Koenig and many others, did a little Christmas shopping and left the city at midnight for Washington after speaking at several points.

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THE WEATHER.—Indications for today: Increasing cloudiness. The temperature yesterday: Highest, 37 degrees; lowest, 22.

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The government, meaning the Emperor and his chief ministers, may pretty confidently be regarded as well disposed toward America, and also as inclined toward a liberal solution of the Jewish problem.

Recent cables from Russia papers show similar differences of tone in them. Some, like the "Rossia" and "Novoe Vremya," have a chronic animosity to America, and are for maintaining to the full the repressive policy of the government toward the Jews.

United States, and also that the domestic laws of Russia should be so modified as to make them accordant with such a treaty. Which of these sets of views will prevail remains to be seen.

It must also be borne in mind that the Russian conception of some of the most important civil relationships differs diametrically from our own.

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THE WOOL REPORT.—The first report of the Tariff Board, transmitted yesterday to Congress by President Taft, fully vindicates the administration's policy of depending upon expert research for information on which to base tariff changes.

THE ARREST OF YOUNG EAGEN IN BROOKLYN by one of Mayor Gaynor's own policemen, who had had the advantage of working for two years under the Mayor's own guidance, comes to plague the man who insisted upon turning the Police Department upside down because of a similar case two years ago.

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CHINESE REPUBLIC OR EMPIRE?

The precise text of the joint note of the powers to the Chinese peace commissioners is not disclosed, but its tenor is authoritatively made known. It does not appear to prescribe any special form of government for China, but leaves that to be determined by the Chinese themselves, or by their leaders and representatives, which must be regarded as judicious and commendable.

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Among the Chinese there is obviously much difference of opinion upon the subject, but it does not appear that it will be insurmountable. In fact, the latest reports indicate a probability of agreement in the near future. The Prime Minister, who is practically the dictator, is understood to prefer a constitutional monarchy, while our old friend Dr. Wu Ting-fang, the leader of the revolutionists, at least in the peace conference, is resolutely bent upon establishing a republic.

alist do not seem determined to pose as the immovable body. Dr. Wu declares that it is republic or continued war, so far as the revolutionists are concerned, but we have not yet heard of Mr. Yuan's replying in kind, that it must be monarchy or a fight to a finish.

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People and Social Incidents

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Miss Taft returned today from a short visit at Bryn Mawr. Robert Taft will arrive Saturday for the Christmas holidays and will probably bring a few friends with him.

THE CABINET.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Secretary of State and Mrs. Knox, following their usual custom, will spend Christmas at their country place, at Valley Forge. They will have a family party with them.

Another dance given at Sherry's was that by Mrs. Thomas R. Van Buren and Mrs. Henry R. Moore, for their debutante daughters, Miss Vera L. Van Buren and Miss Katherine Moore.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The British Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce entertained at dinner to-night.

IN WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The marriage of Mrs. Oliver Cromwell, of New York and of Washington, and Edward T. Stotesbury, of Philadelphia, will take place the first of the year, or sooner, and will be quietly celebrated at the home of Mrs. Cromwell, in Rhode Island avenue, having with her sons, Oliver E. and James H. R. Cromwell.

Major and Mrs. Biddle entertained at dinner to-night in compliment to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Beekman Winthrop. The other guests were the Chief of Staff and Mrs. Leonard Wood, Captain and Mrs. Caperton, Colonel McCawley, Representative Padgett, Mrs. Mungray and Mrs. Walter R. Izard.

Miss Ruth Hitchcock, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Hitchcock of Nebraska, was presented to society at a tea this afternoon, Mrs. Leonard Wood, Mrs. Le Roy Tuttle, Mrs. Stetson, Mrs. Wether, Mrs. Russell B. Harrison and Miss E. C. Brook, with several of the younger members of society, assisting in the hospitalities.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson entertained guests at dinner to-night for Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cone. Other affairs of the day were a tea, with Captain and Mrs. C. J. Boush as hosts, when they introduced their daughter, Miss Geraldine Boush; a tea, with Mrs. J. T. Rootes as hostess, when she introduced Miss Paula Virginia Bure, of Virginia, a daughter for Swicker and Mrs. C. C. Clark, with ex-Senator and Mrs. J. H. Henderson as hosts, and a luncheon for Señora Amparo Rivero, debutante daughter of the Cuban Minister, with Miss Rose Peper as hostess.

NEW YORK SOCIETY.

Mrs. John R. Drexel gave a small dinner, the first of a series of three, last night at her home in East 83d street, for her debutante daughter, Miss Alice Drexel. There was no cotillion, but general dancing was enjoyed throughout the evening.

Mrs. Harry W. McVickar gave a dance at Sherry's last night for her niece, Miss Phyllis McVickar, the debutante daughter of Mrs. William R. McVickar. It took place in the large ballroom, which was decorated with Christmas greens.

E. T. STOTESBURY TO WED

Partner of J. P. Morgan to Marry Mrs. Cromwell, of Washington.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—The engagement of Edward T. Stotesbury, head of the firm of Drexel & Co., partner of J. Pierpont Morgan and one of the best known financiers, society men and club men in this city, to Mrs. Oliver Cromwell, of Washington, was confirmed to-day by Mr. Stotesbury himself.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S GAIN

Big Increase in Membership and Resources in This City.

Official figures of Episcopal Church growth for the year were made public this city yesterday. The growth for the whole Church for the year was 2.5 per cent in actual communicants, and the proportion of members to population was 1 in 107 to 1 in 96.

Dr. Eliot recovering slowly. Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 21.—A bulletin issued by the physicians of the hospital at Kandy states that Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, who is recovering from a long illness, is making slow but steady progress.

VERY SOOTHING.

A diplomatic sedative, we may say, is having two battalions where the other power has but one issued yesterday shows 160,000. These are actual members, not adherents.

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ende, and Miss McVickar, in blue satin trimmed with silver, received the guests, numbering nearly three hundred, near the entrance to the ballroom. There was general dancing through the evening, and supper was served after midnight in the main restaurant. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Gould Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Gray, Colonel and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen H. P. Pell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Philip W. Livermore, Miss Charlotte Cram, Miss Anzoniella Kana, Miss Julia Robbins, Miss Maud Kennedy, Miss Margaret Andrews, of Newbury, Miss Justine Ingersoll, Miss Agnes S. Claflin, Miss Caro Q. Brown, Worthington Whitehouse, Percy R. Pyne, 2d, M. Taylor Pyne, Jr., Horace Stebbins, Maurice and Francis Roche, Peter Cooper Pryce, Ashbel H. and James W. Harney, Phoenix Ingraham, Joan Clinton Gray, Jr. and Seymour Johnson.

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Miss Nathalie Henderson, daughter of the late Charles R. Henderson, was married yesterday afternoon at the home of her mother, No. 27 East 64th street, to Joseph R. Swan, of Albany. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Charles R. Henderson, was in a gown of white satin, combined with white and silver lace. She wore a lace veil and carried a bouquet of gardenias and lilies-of-the-valley. She had no attendants. Alfred Ferguson acted as Mr. Swan's best man. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Greer, assisted by the Rev. Endicott Peabody, of Groton, Mass. A small reception followed.

Another wedding yesterday was that of Miss Henrietta Joy, daughter of the late Professor Charles A. Joy, of Columbia University, to Captain Theodore Jackson Eldridge, British navy, stationed at Shanghai, China. It was a very small and quiet affair, and took place at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Choate, No. 3 East 53d street, which was decorated with holly and Christmas greens.

A few intimate friends were present at the ceremony, which was performed by Bishop Choate. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Choate, wore a gown of white chiffon and a tulle veil. She had no attendants. Francis W. Crowninshield was the best man. The ceremony was followed by a small reception.

Mrs. Littleton Fox gave a reception yesterday afternoon at her house, in East 2d street, for her sister, Miss Estelle O'Brien, the debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan A. O'Brien. Miss Madeleine and Miss Rosalie O'Brien assisted their sister in receiving.

Mrs. M. Orme Wilson will give a dinner this evening at her house, in East 64th street.

Mrs. Charles H. Mellon will give a theatre party this evening for her debutante daughter, Miss Eleanor Mellon.

The second of the May Dances, under the management of Miss Henrietta B. Wilmerding, will be held this evening at Delmonico's.

Miss Edith Pulitzer, daughter of the late Joseph Pulitzer, will be married this afternoon to William S. Moore, son of the late Major Clement C. Moore. The wedding will be very quiet, owing to mourning, and will take place at the home of the bride's mother, No. 7 East 73d street.

Mrs. Oakleigh Thorne will give a luncheon on Saturday for her daughter, Miss Margaret Thorne.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sloane will return to the city from Mount Kisco, N. Y., on January 1, and will be at No. 60 West 45th street for the remainder of the winter.

SOCIAL NOTES FROM NEWPORT.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.) Newport, Dec. 20.—Dr. and Mrs. Roderick Taylor have returned from a visit in New York.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. French E. Chadwick are to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wilmet Thompson Cox, in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hale, Jr., of New York, are to spend Christmas here this year.

Miss Edith Hunter has returned from Washington to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hunter. Mrs. Walter G. Holcomb, of California, is to spend the remainder of the winter with Mrs. Theodore K. Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Matland Armstrong, of New York, are to be Christmas guests of Mrs. David King.

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